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For: METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING
SURFACES USING A FIXED ABRASIVE ARTICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

For enhancing selectivity, a planarization composition is preferably used in the methods of the present invention. Preferably, a suitable composition includes an oxidizing agent and/or complexing agent (more preferably an oxidizing agent) to aid in the planarization, as well as other additives such as a surfactant to enhance wettability and reduce friction, a thickener to achieve a desired viscosity, a buffering agent to achieve a desired pH, etc. Preferably, the